

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

## PENITENTIAL RITE

Lord Jesus, you have shown us the way to the Father: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you have given us the consolation of the truth:

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd, leading us into everlasting life:

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God have mercy on us....Amen.

## THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you,  
we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father  
you take away the sins of the world:

have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer; you are seated  
at the right hand of the Father

have mercy on us;  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen

## OPENING PRAYER

Grant us, Lord our God,  
that we may honour you with all our mind,  
and love everyone in truth of heart.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, .....

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

## FIRST READING Deuteronomy 18:15-20

## A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die."'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 94

R. O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord.

2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand.

3. O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my work'.

## SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

## A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! The people that lived in darkness  
has seen a great light; on those who dwell in the land  
and shadow of death a light has dawned. Alleluia!

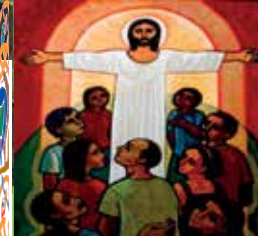
## GOSPEL Mark 1:21-28

## A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



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## NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with  
the Father; through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,

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All bow for following three lines:

and by the Holy Spirit  
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.  
For our sake he was crucified  
under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven and is seated  
at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the  
living and the dead and his kingdom  
will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,  
the giver of life, who proceeds from the  
Father and the Son, who with the Father  
and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
I believe in one, holy, catholic and  
apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins and I look  
forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O Lord, we bring to your altar these  
offerings of our service: be pleased to  
receive them, we pray, and transform  
them into the Sacrament of our  
redemption. Through Christ our Lord.

## AFTER THE CONSECRATION

The mystery of faith.

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection until  
you come again.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Let your face shine on your  
servant. Save me in your merciful  
love. O Lord, let me never be put  
to shame, for I call on you.

## focus on sunday

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 31st January 2021

(Catholic Schools Week begins)

Jesus speaks the words of his Father today with an  
authority that made a deep impression on his listeners.

O that today you would  
listen to his voice!



In the different stresses and crises of covid times, many people deserve our deep thanks – our medical staff, those who keep us fed and our services going and our health care chaplains. This week we think of our teachers, primary and second level. They too have risked health as all school personnel do. Anyone who knows teachers as family members and friends, will know that as well as the hours spent teaching there are also the long evening hours spent in preparation for classes.

During Catholic Schools Week we can extend our appreciation to all schools, and to the whole staff of the schools. This week is a way of the Church thanking and showing appreciation for our teachers. We can help them by speaking well of them, by supporting their efforts in the schools and by praying for them.

In a broad way, teachers take part in the mysterious plan of God for education. For many it is more than a job, but in their professional work and their care of the students, it is a vocation. They give more to the young people than instruction; in the words of pope Francis: 'A good teacher ..... points to what is essential so that the child or student can find meaning and joy in life.'

Lord, bless our teachers with joy, fulfilment and good health. May we be truly grateful for what they do for our young people.

Donal Neary SJ, Editor, Sacred Heart Messenger.



### **Sunday Masses:**

**SS John & Paul (Webcam):** Friday 7pm;  
Saturday 6:30 pm; Sunday 10 am and 12:15 pm

**Mary Immaculate Church** - Saturday 12 noon;  
Sunday 9 am and 11 am

### **Weekday Masses Streamed on Webcam:**

10 am & 7 pm SS John & Paul Church

## **SHANNON PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**Parish Office: 4, Dún na Ri, Shannon**  
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### **Tune in and Follow us on:**

**Radio 105.6 FM** for Mass from SS John and Paul

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## **Sunday January 31<sup>th</sup> 2021** **Dé Domhnach 31ú Eanáir** **FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

Pray for Emily Regan, Aidan Park, and Alan Dowie, Aidan Park who died this week. Sympathies to Eileen Garvey, Tullyglass Hill on the death of her brother Donal Houlihan, Castleconnell and Kilrush. To the Potter family, Hurler's Cross on the death of Catherine Potter. To Mike Kelly, Corrib Drive on the death of his sister Sr Marguerite Kelly, New Jersey, USA.

### **Anniversaries Celebrated This Week:**

Christy Higgins (MM), Jimmy Slattery, Michael Greaney, Danny and Irene Keane, Baby Kayleigh Marie Murphy, Brendan Keane, Patrick and Bridie Grue, Jim Kennedy, Molly and Gerry Costello, Mary Chambers, Johnny Cunningham, Tom and Elizabeth Nelson, Barry Walsh, Edward Cahill.

**Month's Mind Masses** for John O Sullivan next Saturday February 6<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm in SS John and Paul Church.

### **Candles for Church's**

February 2<sup>nd</sup> is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord and the 40<sup>th</sup> day after Christmas Day. It's also called Candlemas Day indicating Christ as the Light. Parishioners are welcome to donate candles for the celebration of Mass, which you can leave on the table in front of the altar of Mary Immaculate Church and SS John and Paul Church.

**Parish Office** is open for parish business, Mass bookings etc. We ask that you contact the parish office for all bookings. Please note that we have PAUSED the celebration of baptisms until restrictions are lifted and it's safe to celebrate.

Thank you for your great support to all our parish and priests' collections. With the current Phase 5 restrictions, parishioners and friends are welcome to bring your donation to the Church box, parish office, or at the click of a button with the online donate facility on the website [www.shannonparish.ie](http://www.shannonparish.ie). Do continue to stay safe and we urge everyone to observe the Phase 5 restrictions during this challenging time with the current high rates of the Pandemic in the community. Our

Church's are OPEN for you to pay a visit, light a candle, and say a prayer during this time of Online Masses. Don't forget to sanitise on entry and exit when you visit the Church. Do continue to be safe and may God bless you and your family!

### **Online Masses for February**

**Weekday Masses** - 10am and 7pm in SS John and Paul Church on webcam and parish radio.

**Sunday Masses** - 6.30pm Saturday evening, and 10am on Sunday from SS John and Paul Church, 11am Mary Immaculate Church broadcast on [www.facebook.com/Shannon.Parish.Killaloe/](https://www.facebook.com/Shannon.Parish.Killaloe/)

### **Feast of St Blaise**

**On February 3<sup>rd</sup> we celebrate St Blaise's Day and we would normally bless throats at our public Masses. However, due to the current Pandemic and Phase 5 restrictions there will be NO BLESSING OF THROATS. We invite parishioners to join us for the 10am and 7pm daily Masses on the webcam and at the final blessing we will bless you with the candles. You can take part by holding a candle in your hand from your home. We ask St Blaise to bless and protect us.**